



VOLUNTEER TO TAKE MINUTES. Posy Parrinder agreed to note decisions as no-one was able to volunteer.
PRESENT: Angie Titchen AT, Sue Chapman SC, Eleanor Chance EC, Nina Turner EC, Charles Mathew CM, Richard Andrews RA, Peter Emery PE, Dennis Stukenbroeker DS, Posy Parrinder PP, Marie Mills MM, Rolando Medina RM, Gordon Beach GB Members of the public- Jane Thompson, Sandy Hellig SH, Margaret Key, Chris Potts.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jon Bright, Paddy Coulter, Jane Osborne, Steve Parrinder.
DECLARATIONS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Agreed could join in the meeting.
1. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 20 Sep and 18 Oct 2016- were approved as an accurate record.
2. MATTERS ARISING: 20 Sept- 5. Outline sent to Adam Symons at Brookes re possible student Projects on environmental issues at Eynsham-MM wanted to add info from recent Bucks, Berks & Oxon Wildlife Trust report:- Otters around nearby on Windrush river; hedgehogs and barn owls in decline; floodplain had valuable species. SC wanted to add skylarks to species heard over west Eynsham fallow field. 18 Oct- 6. Market research enquiry- PP had not had time to respond nor was likely to. Agreed to drop it. 7. Ref OCC A40 proposals and 3200 LP Eynsham site allocations. Noted that although WODC has statutory duty to plan for delivery of SHMA quotas in Local Plan OCC has no such duty to do any A40 road improvements. OCC severely limited by available funding. 8. Public meetings arranged for 19 Nov and 5 Dec. Library no longer available for displays so boards were put up in the Emporium by kind permission of Corin Willett. Thank you. 10. Local Green Space- PP still working on this. Nothing more to report.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: Sandy Hellig reported on recent Retailers Meeting that she had organised. There was much concern over parking availability for customers outside shops. EFSG noted that draft NP has raised this and proposes a possible public realm project to address issue, looking at feasibility of short stay and residents parking provision. Feedback from Steve Lord, Daniel Cooling, Jennifer Griffiths, Ros Kent (Green TEA) on the NP was welcomed and will be taken into account. PP will respond to these and future feedback responses with a reply to that effect plus refer them to the FAQs response on Eynsham Online. Savills letter re the GV proposals. Noted their constructive approach and that they think timing of our plan should be made to match WODC draft LP. We disagreed and will press on to get NP in place asap. They suggest we exclude the GV from the NP. Again we disagreed as the GV is part of our legal NP Area as set at the beginning of the process and we see no reason to exclude it. Noted their suggestion of meeting EPC/EFSG and agreed it would be good at the right time. PP/RA/GB will draft a response to Savills. Eynsham Medical Practice- PP wrote recently to request their views on NP. On 9 Nov Peter Kelland, WODC councillor, GB and RA met with Dr. Stephenson. A useful exchange of information and ideas took place and will help inform both the NP and the medical practice's planning for the new developments. A further meeting perhaps including the Clinical Commissioning Group is proposed.

4. WODC Draft LOCAL PLAN

160 houses west of Thornbury Road (Kemp & Kemp) and impact on proposed comprehensive scheme on west of Eynsham

It was noted with regret that planning approval had been granted by WODC with vehicle access via Thornbury Road. The main reason was the withdrawal of OCC Education's objection. They have revised pupil forecasts based on recent demographic evidence indicating a reduction in pupil numbers. On that basis they say Eynsham Primary can now accommodate the 49 pupils that the development is estimated to generate due to its recent expansion. They asked for a contribution towards this expansion. NB-The other 2 recent planning consents at appeal for the Old Witney Rd Garden Centre and the Newland St developments were similarly asked to contribute proportionately to Eynsham Primary School.

Concern was expressed that these 2 sites on the west no longer have to contribute to the provision of the new primary school that will be needed as part of the masterplan for the west. Similarly they will not have to help fund all the other infrastructure such as the proposed western access/link road. This will make it harder for a workable masterplan to be made in addition to the anticipated traffic problems both speculative developments are likely to cause.

There was some discussion about these problems and the negative impact on Bartholomew School and the village. We noted the predicament of WODC who are experiencing "Development by Appeal" as a result of their failure to get a Local Plan in place before now.

Joint EPC/EFSG Response to public consultation

All were encouraged to respond individually - and encourage friends and neighbours to do likewise - to the consultation which has begun and which closes on 23 December.

Also RA requested feedback comments to help him draft EPC's formal response. Current ideas are aimed at trying to protect as much of Eynsham's rural aspects to west and north as possible in accordance with residents' stated wishes and as incorporated in the NP, in a sustainable way, whilst still catering for the identified housing needs.

Even if WODC do not change the plan in accordance with responses all comments will be seen by the Inspector who can take them into account.

There will be a link and a guide on how to respond at Eynsham Online. PE clarified that comments must only be on the "Main Modifications" to the draft LP, not on the original draft which went before the inspector in Nov and Dec 2015. DS noted that all the Eynsham proposals/site allocations are contained in the "Main Modifications".

EFSG Questionnaire results-

The results were noted. RM had presented them in Pie chart mode which made them very accessible. With slight modifications, these will go online and to the public NP drop-in on 19 Nov. As the GV was broadly supported and very few respondents wanted to fight the proposals EFSG felt it was right to continue to engage with WODC with a view to getting the best possible deal for Eynsham. PP will offer the people who said they did want to fight WODC the chance to contact each other.

5. ENP DIRECTION AND PROGRESS

Two meetings with WODC had recently taken place.

9 Nov -

GB and RA met with James Mills, leader of the Council, Geoff Haines, Cabinet member for Housing, Christine Gore, Strategic Planning Director and Giles Hughes, Head of Planning.

GB and RA put EPC/EFSG's concerns to them. Suggested ideas, with arguments in support, to improve the proposed site allocations to be more in accordance with ENP. The response was non-committal.

15 Nov-

RA and PP met with Giles Hughes, Janice Bamsey, and Joseph Walker, the NP specialist planner.

Strategic Environmental assessment was discussed. It will be unlikely that we would need one as we will not be making site allocations and will say so in writing. Our site options will be in Supporting Documents to the ENP as assessments of the possibilities.

WODC said they could not definitely confirm until they have seen the final NP submission. RA has a letter from Environment Agency that seems to confirm that a SEA won't be needed.

RA and PP proposed ways of reducing the western development in size and confining it to north of Chilbridge Road. The land to the south is seen as key to conserving the views and countryside feel of the village given the loss of the countryside to the north of the village. It could accommodate uses such as a school, SUDS, amenity

land (Country Park?), allotments and cemetery. The houses that would have gone there could easily be accommodated in the GV.

Giles said they would consider but that the figures would need careful examination and it would have to be clear that all the GV homes could be delivered in the timescale. If the GV started sooner there would be more flexibility?

RA & PP asked if the 160+77 homes now with planning approval were included in the 1000 home site allocation on the west. WODC said 160 at Thornbury definitely were but they were unsure if the 77 at Garden Centre were. They will check. Our reading of draft WODC LP documents is that the 77 are extra to the 1000.

The need for the expensive western link road was challenged by RA. Giles thought the full link road was important and was resistant to the idea of terminating it at Chilbridge Road. Design concepts were at variance- a residential road or a through road for faster, heavier traffic. The Polar factory development had got planning approval and it should include provision for the use of their access road as the southern end of a possible link road from A40 to B4449? The road could still be prohibitively expensive per RA and should not be needed as we have a good eastern ring road already.

On the north RA put suggestions for safeguarding land for a rerouted A40 at some date in the future which would also improve the separation of the 2 settlements.

A viability report on the 2 Strategic Development Allocations has been published and Janice was sending a link.

Pre-submission Consultation- Janice will confirm the statutory consultees.

Local Green Space provisions in ENP- PP asked for guidance on how rigorous we must be. We need large scale plan with boundaries clearly defined on individual maps & schematic plan. Must be fully justified in relation to the criteria in NPPF and owner must be consulted. Their feedback must be taken into account and be put to the examiner. SHELAA sites can be designated if they are considered unsuitable for development in the LP.

They confirmed there are to be 6 travelling show people's sites north of GV plus a Traveller's site as part of the GV.

6. PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING, 19 NOVEMBER.

ENP workshop meeting- arrangements all in place.

Use of Results- RA is currently using the feedback to make corrections/changes where necessary and is tracking changes. He will continue to do so with responses to come. AT proposed to have a small team to do a thematic analysis of the feedback as well of the qualitative responses. NT and SH agreed to help.

AOB

EPC are arranging a public meeting at 7.30 on Mon 5 Dec on the GV- for people to question the elected councillors responsible for the decisions. Attending will be-

OCC Leader, Ian Hudspeth; WODC Leader, James Mills; Oxford City Council Leader, Bob Price; Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership CEO, Nigel Tipple .

Community Farm- MM interested in this as possible part of ENP- some discussion on merits and type. MM will find out more and prepare a consultation response.

Some wanted a roadmap of next steps with dates- PP to action

VOLUNTEER TO TAKE MINUTES AT NEXT MEETING ON 20 Dec 2016. If he is here RM will do it.